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For: VARIABLE COMPRESSION RATIO CONNECTING ROD FOR  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE  
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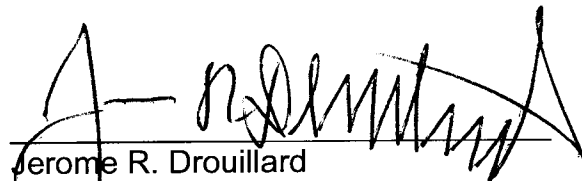
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Respectfully submitted,



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<p>We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.</p> <table style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(Application Number)</td><td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(Filing Date)</td><td style="width: 33%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)</td></tr><tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td></tr><tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(Application Number)</td><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(Filing Date)</td><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)</td></tr><tr><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td><td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"> </td></tr></table> <p><b>POWER OF ATTORNEY:</b> - I/we hereby appoint the following Practitioners: Customer No. 32242, Jerome R. Drouillard - 28,008, as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and all foreign Patent Offices.</p>		(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)				(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)									
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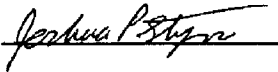
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